RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, NEUCHATEL - QUARTERLY REPORT

DIVISION : PROCESS DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT TITLE : COURBET

PERIOD COVERED : JULY - SEPTEMBER 1988

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OBJECTIVES

PM-EEMA, Area Operations assistance and co-ordination of primary upgrade proposals and recommendations.

Give technical support in developing specific process recommendations for new primary installations or upgrading existing facilities.

STATUS

A joint visit was made during week 50 to Amer Tupakka, Finland, by Area Operations EEMA and Process Development, to review current primary upgrade plans and discuss future equipment options. A report was issued in January 1988 from Process Development to EEMA Area Management for review of specific process proposals.

During week 25, 1988, tobacco "pad" samples were received from ATO, blended strips for humectant analysis, to determine if elevated humectant contents are a factor in BBS padding.

During week 51, 1987, a meeting was also held in Neuchâtel between R&D and EEMA Area Management to review primary improvement proposals for the El Khaoub, Algeria, factory.

During week 4, 1988, a joint meeting was conducted in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, with Fabrica Duvana Sarajevo (FDS), EEMA Management and Process Development R&D, for the purpose of formulating a primary improvement plan for the FDS factory. This protocol was issued in February and approved by PM EEMA and FDS (1).

A follow-up visit is planned for week 42, 1988, to Sarajevo to assist in the start-up of the new or renovated primary equipment. The visit will be made with PM-EEMA Area Operations, a TTG Richmond engineer and a person from Process Development Neuchâtel (2).

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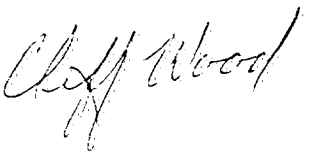

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